

Program Affected: Child and Adult Care Food Program

Title of Rule: Child and Adult Care Food Program: Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

Stage of Rulemaking: Proposed rule was published in the Federal Register, on Monday, April 9, 2012, at 77 FR 21018.

Is the Rule Currently Open for Public Comment? Yes, the comment period ends on June 8, 2012.

Rule Summary: This rule proposes to codify several provisions of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 affecting the administration of Child and Adult Care Food Program for State agencies, new and renewing institutions, sponsoring organizations, and sponsored facilities, and to make modifications to the application and renewal process. These proposed changes would improve the management of the Program and the clarity of the regulations.

This rule proposes to require institutions to submit an initial Program application to the State agency and, in subsequent years, periodically update the information, in lieu of submitting a new application. It would require sponsoring organizations to vary the timing of reviews of sponsored facilities. It would require State agencies to develop and provide for the use of a standard permanent agreement between sponsoring organizations and sponsored day care centers. It would also allow tier II day care homes to collect household income information and transmit it to the sponsoring organization.

This rule also proposes to modify the method of determining administrative payments to sponsoring organizations of day care homes by basing payments on a formula, and allow day care home sponsors to carry over up to 10 percent of their administrative funding from the previous fiscal year into the next fiscal year.